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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

A. Instructions and Averments

___ Enter the Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116, previously filed on _____.

___ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

B. Enclosed

X An Amendment "D" and Response for entry in the present application.

X To render this RCE timely filed, enclosed is a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time.

X A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date for the enclosed application by use of Express Mail Label No. EV329631823US.

X An Associate Power of Attorney.

C. Payments

X Form PTO-2038 is enclosed for payment of the government filing fee(s):

X the \$750.00 RCE filing fee pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(e); and

X the \$410.00 petition fee for the two-month extension of time.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

X Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

X Any filing fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

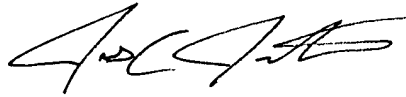
X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17.

 The issue fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.311(b).

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 2nd day of September 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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